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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Customer surveys aimed at improving public's experience with courts

[Press release](#)

Note: See the "Measure of Service" video

[Video](#)

The MiLW Blog: Court of Appeals names new chief clerk

"Jerome W. Zimmer, Jr. is the new chief clerk of the Michigan Court of Appeals. His appointment is effective on July 17. Zimmer has been the district clerk at the Court of Appeals office in Detroit since October 2011."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Jerome W. Zimmer, Jr., named Michigan Court of Appeals Chief Clerk

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: New program will let motorists pay Detroit tickets at suburban courts

"Motorists will soon be able to pay Detroit traffic tickets at suburban courts under a new program aimed at recouping some of the \$279 million in unpaid court fines, fees and costs owed to Detroit's financially strapped 36th District Court."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Hometown Life Newspapers: Those ticketed in Detroit may now pay in Redford

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: 36th District Court announces new collections program

[Full story](#)

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: 36th District Court partners with other Wayne County district courts to collect traffic tickets

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Judge: Judge: Duggan write-in candidacy for Detroit mayor can proceed

"Mike Duggan scored a victory Monday in Wayne County Circuit Court when Judge Lita M. Popke ruled he meets the requirements to be a write-in candidate for Detroit mayor. Popke also ruled in Duggan's favor in a lawsuit alleging that his campaign had illegally obtained and altered an official election ballot to show people how to cast a vote for him."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Judge dismisses suit by Tom Barrow to remove Mike Duggan as write-in candidate

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Court rules Duggan can run write-in campaign

[Full story](#)

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Mike Duggan can be write-in candidate for Detroit mayor, judge rules

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WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Court: Mike Duggan can run for Detroit mayor as write-in candidate

[Full story](#)

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Judge rules Mike Duggan can be a write-in candidate in Detroit mayoral race

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Hearing on Washington Township mansion's fate adjourned as parties try to reach deal

"After nearly nine years, two Washington Township homeowners could be two weeks away from resolving a lawsuit that could determine whether part of a 9,000-square-foot mansion will be demolished for not meeting certain neighborhood deed restrictions."

[Full story](#)

Battle Creek Enquirer: Brian Kirkham prepares for new challenge on bench

"... [Brian] Kirkham puts on a black robe for the first time Friday when Chief Probate Judge Michael Jaconette administers the oath to fill the seat held by Judge Allen Garbrecht, who retired in June. Kirkham must run in November 2014 to retain the seat."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Michigan should use Kent County's public defender system as model (Guest column)

Richard E. Hillary writes "... The Michigan Senate recently approved House Bill 4529 by a 33-4 vote. The purpose of the bill is to improve and make uniform the state's system for providing criminal defense to those who can't afford their own attorneys in Michigan. The proponents of this bill claim that the indigent criminal defense system in Michigan 'is broken.' This certainly is true in some counties but not in Kent County."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Prodding courts to innovate

"Michigan trial courts with great ideas for improving court performance and public service can get a boost from a new grant program administered by the State Court Administrative Office, the administrative agency of the Michigan Supreme Court."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.

Also see:

Encouraging courts to innovate, improve service is goal of new grant program

[Press release](#)

The Macomb Daily: Attorney faces criminal charges for courthouse fracas

"A woman who is a lawyer, therapist and educational consultant faces felony charges, accused of assaulting a half-dozen Macomb County sheriff's deputies last fall in the county courthouse as part of a acrimonious custody dispute with her ex-husband."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune and the Oakland Press.

Oakland County Legal News: Pot baked goods off limits in some cases, court says

"Michigan's Court of Appeals has ruled that baked goods and other food containing marijuana's active ingredient aren't considered 'usable marijuana' under state law unless they contain plant material."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Dedication recognized: Retired judge earns coveted Avadenka Memorial Award

"Although Dennis Drury officially retired as a judge for the Oakland County 52-4 District Court and as the presiding judge for its drug court component, he continues to garner admiration. For his years of dedicated service, Drury was named as this year's recipient of the prestigious Frances R. Avadenka Award presented by the Oakland County Bar Association (OCBA)."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: \$2.8 million awarded in wrongful death case against St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospitals

"When suffering from chest pain, a first instinct would be to go to a nearby hospital to get it checked out by a doctor. That's what Dorothy Kubacki of Warren did, but she died days later at a local hospital and her family sued, claiming the hospital failed to give proper care."

[Full story](#)